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EARLY CHILDHOOD PRE-K TEACHER ACADEMY

ALTERNATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD PRE-K EARLY LICENSURE

Arkansas State University, Department of Teacher Education, is pleased to announce an alternative preparation program to prepare non-licensed teachers for a first-time license in Early Childhood Pre-K.

DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOLLOW:

- The Early Childhood Pre-K Teacher Academy will be at **no cost** to the participant.
- Applicants must have a **bachelor's degree or higher** in Early Childhood Education or **at least 18 hours** of Early Childhood Education coursework as part of a degree.
- Students will receive **9 hours of graduate coursework** and **must be eligible for admission** to the graduate school.
- Applicants must have a **passing score or meet the alternate score** and have an approved Alternate Assessment Plan (AAP) on the [Praxis® Education of Young Children \(5024\)](#) before the start of the summer session of the Academy. DESE will provide Licensure Assessment Ready sessions in **April and May**.
- Applicants must have been employed in 2021-2022 and be employed in 2022-2023 in a setting serving three, four and five-year-olds in Arkansas and have a signed participation form from the district or program that is **one of the following**:
 - Pre-kindergarten in a public school (Arkansas Better Chance (ABC), Head Start or District Program)
 - Pre-kindergarten in an Education Service Cooperative
 - ABC pre-kindergarten in a non-public school setting (Arkansas Better Beginnings Level 3)
- The courses will be conducted **in virtual format** using both synchronous and asynchronous digital instruction. Streaming options or video recordings to accommodate individual need. Ongoing support will occur throughout the fall semester as the participants apply new concepts in their classrooms. All participants should **complete the entire program** and earn a license by completing summer instruction and courses during the fall semester.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM APRIL 4 - 15

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO APPLY.

PRE-K TEACHER ACADEMY APPLICATION

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